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(A) Scope.

This section shall apply to all water generated on developed or undeveloped land entering MTSU’s separate storm sewer system on MTSU campus.

(B) Prohibition of Illicit Discharges.

No person whoever shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System any discharge that is not composed entirely of stormwater. The commencement, conduct or continuance of any non-stormwater discharge to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is prohibited except as described as follows:

(1) Uncontaminated discharges from the following sources:
   (a) Water line flushing or other potable water sources;
   (b) Landscape irrigation or lawn watering with potable water or repurified water;
   (c) Diverted stream flows;
   (d) Rising ground water;
   (e) Groundwater infiltration to storm drains;
   (f) Pumped groundwater;
   (g) Foundation or footing drains;
   (h) Crawl space pumps;
   (i) Air conditioning condensation;
   (j) Springs;
   (k) Non-commercial washing of vehicles;
   (l) Natural riparian habitat or wet-land flows;
   (m) Swimming pools (if dechlorinated - typically less than one PPM chlorine);
   (n) Fire fighting activities; and,
   (o) Any other uncontaminated water source.

(2) Discharges specified in writing by MTSU environmental health and safety staff as being necessary to protect public health and safety.

(3) Dye testing is an allowable discharge if MTSU environmental health and safety staff has so specified in writing.
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(C) Prohibition of Illicit Connections.

(1) The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of unlawful connections to MTSU Separate Storm Sewer System is prohibited.
(2) This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.

(D) Reduction of Stormwater Pollutants by the Use of Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Any person responsible for a property owned or leased by the university which is, or may be, the source of an illicit discharge, may be required to implement, at the person's expense, the BMP’s necessary to prevent the further discharge of pollutants to MTSU Separate Storm Sewer System.

(E) Notification of Spills.

Any person responsible for a property, premises, or activity, which is, or may be, the source of a spill and which is or maybe discharging pollutants to MTSU’s storm sewer system and/or ponds or streams shall notify the Environmental Health and Safety staff of such a spill within a reasonable time and in any event within 24 hours of knowledge the spill is occurring or has occurred. Notification to MTSU EH&S staff does not relieve the party of spill notification requirements under federal, state or other local laws, regulations, or rules. For the purpose of this section, a spill is an urgent, one-time, unintentional release of materials such as hazardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, chemicals, solid wastes, liquid wastes, sludges, pollutants, contaminants, and other similar substances. On-going, intentional releases of these materials shall not be classified as a spill and may be an illicit discharge. Refer to MTSU Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan for further information regarding spills.
MTSU Stormwater Enforcement and Response Plan

MTSU is to adopt an Enforcement and Response Plan (ERP) for the university’s stormwater program. Per the NPDES Permit section 4.5.1., a plan must be effective within 18 months of our effective permit date. The following plan outlines the university’s ability to enforce EPA and TDEC permit requirements.

**Enforcement on TBR Construction Projects**

Per the Memorandum of Agreement between MTSU and City of Murfreesboro section vii, City of Murfreesboro is to monitor and advise as to effectiveness and compliance of Best Management Practices (BMP) for Construction Site Runoff Control. Per this agreement, the City of Murfreesboro will handle all enforcement issues. The City of Murfreesboro’s ERP will be effective.

**Enforcement for Students**


**Enforcement for Employee (Faculty and Staff)**

Enforcement for Employees shall follow the following policies for progressive discipline or termination. The following policies outline the procedures for progressive discipline and the hearing procedures to be used by institutions governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

- Policy No. I:02:01 – General Personnel Policy
- Policy No. IV:07:10 – Subject: Disciplinary Procedure – Classified Personnel
- Policy No. I:01:19 – Procedures for Personnel Cases Subject to the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act

**Enforcement for Visitors (third party individuals)**

The university falls within the City of Murfreesboro’s MS4, therefore any additional compliance issues can be handled within the City of Murfreesboro’s enforcement and response plan.